

To constitute committee under Chairmanship  
of Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Department of Atomic  
Energy, Homi Bhabha Chair Professor for  
giving NOC - field trials of G.M. crops

**Government of Maharashtra**

Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fisheries Dept

**Government Resolution no. NOC-2011/CR378/1A**

Mantralaya (Extn.), Hutatma Rajguru Chowk,

Madamme Cama Road, Mumbai -32

Dated : 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2012

**Ref. :** Government Resolution, Agriculture & ADF Dept of even no.  
dt.9 March, 2012

**Government Resolution** : The population of India is estimated to reach 1.5 billion by the year 2025. Food production will have to be doubled to meet the food and nutritional security needs of this population. Conventional Agricultural technologies may be inadequate to meet this challenge, specially with shrinking land and water resources and the impact of climate change. We have to, therefore, harness the tools of modern technology to achieve the desired level of Agricultural production.

2. Out of all the modern tools in crop science, biotechnology offers the maximum potential to address the issues of increasing genetic potential of building resilience to changing agro-climatic conditions and, above all, of increasing productivity on environmentally sustainable basis. It is, therefore, essential that adequate and fair opportunity is given to scientific efforts to develop G.M. crops after, of course, addressing all issues related to their safety to human, animal and environmental health and assessing their Socio-economic impact. The Govt. of India, through the Review Committee on Genetic Manipulation (Ministry of Science and Technology), Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (Ministry of Environment and Forests) and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (Ministry of Agriculture), have laid down very strict guidelines to test & evaluate the safety and agronomic value of G.M. crops to safeguard our interests. Many private and Govt. companies/Institutions are doing research concerned with the G.M. crops.

3. Hence before the sanction for field trials of G.M. crops was given by Govt. of India at their level. But considering the protest shown by some of the state Governments to the field trials of G.M. crops, from May/June, 2011, Govt. of India has made it mandatory to private and Govt. companies/Institutions to seek No Objection Certificate from the concerned State Governments to conduct the field trials. State Government had no set procedure for conducting field trials of G.M. crops.

4. Therefore, vide the Govt. resolution of even no. dt. 9 March, 2012, the State Govt. has constituted a committee under the chairmanship of Commissioner Agriculture which includes Research Scientists of all agricultural universities as members. But

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Considering the technical aspect & nature of work, the proposal to reconstitute the committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Department of Atomic Energy, Homi Bhabha Chair Professor, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Trombay, Mumbai-85 was under consideration of the State Government dissolving the Committee constituted under the chairmanship of the Commissioner of Agriculture.

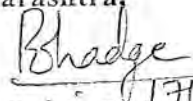
5. On the above background, in order to advice the State Government about the effects of the field trials of G.M. crops, the Committee is re-constituted as follows dissolving the committee constituted vide the Govt. Resolution dt. 9 March, 2012 :-

- 1) Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Department of Atomic Energy, Homi Bhabha Chair Professor, Trombay, Mumbai-85 - Chairman
- 2) Vice Chancellor, Dr. Balasaheb Kokan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli, Dist. Ratnagiri - Member
- 3) Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth Rahuri, Dist. Ahmednagar - Member
- 4) Vice Chancellor, Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth Parbhani, Dist. Parbhani - Member
- 5) Vice Chancellor, Dr. Punjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth Akola, Dist. Akola - Member
- 6) Director Research, Dr. Balasaheb Kokan Krishi Vidyapeeth Dapoli, Dist. Ratnagiri - Member
- 7) Director Research, Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth Rahuri, Dist. Ahmednagar - Member
- 8) Director Research, Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth Parbhani, Dist. Parbhani - Member
- 9) Director Research, Dr. Punjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth Akola, Dist. Akola - Member
- 10) Commissioner of Agriculture, Maharashtra State, Pune - Member Secretary

6. Commissioner Agriculture & Member Secretary of the Committee should present all the proposals, regarding field trials of G.M. crops received in the commissioner's office and Govt., before the reconstituted committee immediately. As soon as, proposals are received, the meeting of the reconstituted committee should be arranged. The committee should consider the proposals from all the aspects and give the detailed opinion explaining the effect of field trials of G.M. crops on environment, human, animals and bio diversity. After considering the report/opinion received from the Reconstituted Committee appropriate decision will be taken at Govt. level regarding issuing No Objection Certificate in connection with field trials of G.M. crops.

7. This Government Resolution has been made available on [www.maharashtra.gov.in](http://www.maharashtra.gov.in) website and its code no. is 201211091455289501.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

  
(R.B. Ghadge)

Deputy Secretary, Govt. of Maharashtra

To,

The Principal Secretary to the Hon.Chief Minister.

The Private Secretary to the Hon. Minister of Agriculture.

The Private Secretary to the Hon. Minister of Horticulture.

The Private Secretary to the Hon. Minister of State for Agriculture.

The Private Secretary to the Hon. Minister of State for Horticulture.

Hon. Chiarmen, Maharashtra State Pollution Control Board,Mumbai (Member of the State Bio Technology Coordinating Committee).

Hon. Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Department of Atomic Energy, Homi Bhabha  
Chair Professor Bhabha Atomic Research Centre,Trombay- 400 085.

Deputy Secretary to the Hon. Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra,  
Mantralaya, Mumbai-32.

Personal Assistant to the Additional Chief Secretary (Agriculture), Agriculture &  
ADF Dept., Mantralaya, Mumbai -32.

Principal Secretary (Forests), Revenue & Forest Dept., Mantralaya, Mumbai-32  
(Member of the State Bio Technology Coordinating Committee).

Principal Secretary (Health), Public Health Dept., Mantralaya, Mumbai-32 (Member of  
the State Bio Technology Coordinating Committee).

Principal Secretary (Industry), Industry, energy & labour Dept., Mantralaya, Mumbai-  
32 (Member of the State Bio Technology Coordinating Committee).

Principal Secretary (Buildings/Roads), Public Works Dept., Mantralaya, Mumbai-32  
(Member of the State Bio Technology Coordinating Committee).

Principal Secretary (Environment), Environment Dept., Mantralaya, Mumbai-32  
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Vice Chancellor, Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth,Parbhani, Dist. Parbhani.

Vice Chancellor, Dr.Punjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth,Akola, Dist. Akola.

Commissioner of Agriculture, Maharashtra State, Pune.

Chief Engineer (Public Health Engineering) Public Health Dept.,Mantralaya, Mumbai.

All the members of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly.

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